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1. CHO Chong-ha (趙重夏) is suspected by the Republic of Korea police of being an espionage agent for North Korea. He is believed to be striving to influence public opinion in South Korea against the ROK government.
2. Immediately after the end of World War II, CHO, living in Taedong-dong, Haeju, became an active supporter of KIM Ku and the Korean Independence Party and was appointed chief of the party organization in Haeju some time in 1945. As a party member, CHO was one of the most vigorous and brilliant proponents of the political conference between the governments of North and South Korea in August 1948. He subsequently supported the North Korean government, feeling that the failure of the conference was due to the conspiracy of the ROK representation.
3. When the United Nations forces began moving north, CHO left North Korea and came to Seoul for unstated reasons. He was arrested by ROK police in early November 1950 but was released later in the month after a brief interrogation. He is still under suspicion, however.

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